

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

Maryland Association for Family and Community Education, Inc. Newsletter

## SEPTEMBER

- All CHARACTER COUNTS!<sup>®</sup> Essay & Artwork Contest - Caring
- Collect 2017 Dues - Membership Drive
- National Literacy Month
- 1 **All County Associations' List of Officers and Committees for 2017 due to State President**
- 12 10:00 AM Maryland FCE Board Meeting, Anne Arundel County Extension Office

## OCTOBER

- 3 10:00 AM Maryland FCE Board Meeting, Anne Arundel County Extension Office
- 9 – 15 National FCE Week
- 15 Rural Women's Day
- 16 World Food Day
- 16 – 22 CHARACTER COUNTS!<sup>®</sup> Week

## NOVEMBER

- 1 **LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING** deadline for items to Editor
- County Membership Dues to Martha Moser, Membership Chairman**
- 1 – 2 MDFCE Annual Conference Best Western, Westminster, MD
- 20 – 26 National Family Week

## DECEMBER

- 1 State Dues/Membership Forms to NAFCE
- 5 10:00 AM Maryland FCE Board Meeting, Montgomery County Extension Office
- 31 **Counties' Annual reports due to Vice President for Program; Membership Appreciation Award due to Vice President for Program**

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## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

See driving directions on page 8.

## CHARACTER COUNTS!<sup>®</sup>

### Contest for 2016-2017

**Caring**, the fifth pillar of character, is this year's focus. Contact your schools (county presidents have the information) and encourage them to participate in the FCE essay and artwork contest from September 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017. Send winning entries to the state president by March 1, 2017.

### MDFCE Web Site is [www.mdafce.org](http://www.mdafce.org)

Send new officer's list, newsletters, calendars and information to Libby Wade at [dunade@aol.com](mailto:dunade@aol.com).

### Newsletter Deadline: November 1

Send all articles, Bulletin Board items, address changes and trivia for the newsletter to: Jean Purich, 15500 Gallaudet Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20905-4196 or email at [jcpurich@cs.com](mailto:jcpurich@cs.com).



## FROM THE PRESIDENT Reflections on Getting Old

I guess I'm feeling my age because my thoughts are running to the passing of years. Here are some of my reflections on Life and getting older. First is the betrayal of my body. I am going to have hip surgery on August 12 and I am mad at my body for letting me down. The other twinges of back pain and joint creaks have been something I have been able to live with, but the hip has been getting progressively worse. So keep me in your prayers.



Another thought that has come to mind is losing contact with friends. Recently, I reconnected with someone I have known since kindergarten. We have been walking through our memories of childhood. It has made me very happy. I hope that I have been able to pass good times onto my family and friends. It would be great if my daughter, her husband, and my grandsons, when reflecting back on their lives when they are 65, that they have happy memories of me and the times we spent together. I know my husband and I will be trying to continue to make happy memories with them.

Another more recent friend and I have been reminiscing about our Shelties and how much fun we have had over the years with our hobby. She and her sister have continually been doing new activities with their Shelties. Starting with conformation showing (beauty contest like Westminster); moving into Obedience; then on to Agility; then Herding; and now they are trying to learn Tracking. So with all this, I have been thinking about how we should all keep trying to do new things. It wasn't until I retired that I got into new things like Homemakers, FCE, bowling, and cheerleading (for my grandson's soccer and baseball). Who knows what I will get into next.

I hope that all of you have been loving life as much as I have. One memory that you can plan for is our Annual Conference. I hope you will all try to come to the conference on November 1-2 at the Best Western in Westminster.

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## NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR PUBLIC POLICY

Maryland has 47 districts with 47 Senators and 141 Delegates. The US and the State constitutions require redrawing of district lines every 10 years. The Supreme Court ruled they should be as equal as possible. The Governor conducts public hearings on this and introduces a legislative plan on the first day of the legislative session in the second year following each census.

The plan takes effect on the 45<sup>th</sup> day of the session in General Assembly. The Governor may make some comments of need and does not offer a plan.

The census will include all residents of the state including persons incarcerated if they were a resident before their incarceration.

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## NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAM

We have no news from the Vice-President because we don't have one. Can you help? It does entail one meeting approximately 10 months of the year. But we will try to car pull so you won't go alone. Think about it and contact Libby Wade at dunade@aol.com or 301-831-8661

## Resource Development Committee Basket Sales

The Resource Development Committee is holding a basket sale at the state conference. Tea and Chocolate Basket (Carroll), Wine and Cheese (Frederick), Surprise Basket (Anne Arundel), Italian Festival (Montgomery), Movie Theater (Prince George's) will be available for auction.



There will also be a quilt for sale.

Thank you for your support!

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# YOU ARE INVITED TO THE MARYLAND FCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Frederick County FCE cordially invites all FCE members and friends to attend the Annual Conference on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Best Western Hotel in Westminster, MD. Registration for the conference and breakfast begins at 8:00 AM followed by information about the old, the present, and the future.

The programs include Human Trafficking, Obesity, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Native Americans, CPR, Bee Keeping, Our Flag and much more. There will be Basket sales and a Quilt Auction. In between, we will do a little Exercising and Visiting and Crafting. And of course there will be reports from the county presidents and the usual business of the organization. We expect great food and entertainment. There should be something for everyone.

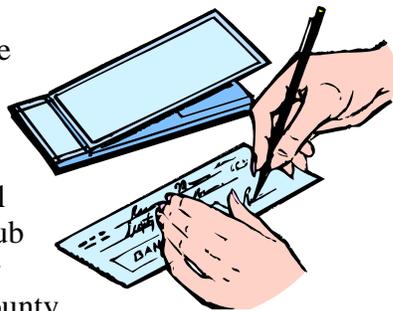
So save November 1 and 2 to have some fun with Maryland FCE. Send in your conference form early and get a small discount. Frederick County is looking forward to meeting old friends and making new ones.

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## Do Not Delay – Pay Today!

In September we return to scheduled activities and it is time for us to pay our FCE dues for 2017. All dues must be paid to club treasurers in September and forwarded to the county treasurers by October.



Every member is required to fill out a 2017 Membership Form. The 2017 membership form is printed in this newsletter. Please tear it out and using black ink clearly print or type the information requested at the top of the page. Do not use abbreviations. Enter your 9 digit zip code

and your E-mail address. Your “Current Member I.D. #” is printed on your FCE Membership Card.

Please note that in the dues box there is a Youth Category. It is for someone who is 18 or under whose parent is not a member and the young person wants to be a member of FCE.

In the dues box, circle your membership status: individual, family, senior, or youth. Fill in the appropriate dues for your county and your club as they vary throughout the state. Total the column.

The last item – the Member Signature at the bottom of the page must be the signature of the individual named at the top of the page.

### New Members

Note the box above the Member Signature line. This should be checked by individuals who have never been affiliated with FCE. At the bottom of the page add “recruited by” and give the name and address of the member who introduced the new member to FCE. The member will receive a gold star pin from National FCE.

SPECIAL PRIZE – Each new member and her recruiter’s name will be placed in a drawing for full registration payment for the 2017 Maryland Annual Conference Meeting. The more members you recruit – the more chances you will have to go to the meeting for free!

Thank you for taking the time to read through this article and for neatly and correctly filling out the 2017 Membership Form. Take the form and your check to your September meeting. If you will not be attending the meeting, please mail them to your treasurer now. We need to have all of our Maryland FCE members accounted for by September 30! Please contact me, if you have any questions.

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“Incredible change happens in your life when you decide to take control of what you do have power over instead of craving control over what you don't.”

Steve Maraboli, Life, the Truth, and Being Free

## **IN AND AROUND MARYLAND**

### **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**

Even though we have had such heat, fall is very quickly coming and our flower gardens are looking tired. Mums in fall colors that blend with the season are taking their place. Our Anne Arundel ladies are thinking about various projects to be continued.

Now we look forward to getting back to work after our summer break. Upcoming meetings will find us working and learning. We will be putting together a basket for the State Conference and hosting the state board in September and October.

### **CARROLL COUNTY**

Carroll County was the host for the State Board meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>. When the meeting was over, we helped get the labels and stamps on the summer newsletter. Then many board members and some Carroll County members went to Maggie's for lunch. It was nice having some time to visit with state board members.

Carroll County held their June meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>. The program was presented by Dr. Gainer B. Davis, who is with the Carroll County Historical Society. She said they are collecting things from the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century. At present they have 3500 items. As we begin to downsize, we should think about giving items to the Historical Society. June 13<sup>th</sup> was our pizza lunch and Chris Johnson arranged for Genevo's to deliver the pizza. We also had salad and many lovely desserts.

The Carroll County 4-H Fair was held from July 30<sup>th</sup> until August 6<sup>th</sup>. Some of our members have been judges. We all enjoy to going to the 4-H Fair.

Our next meeting was August 22<sup>nd</sup> and Dr. Virginia Brown, with the Agricultural Center, spoke on "How to get the best out of our Health Insurance!" We also gave out the Advanced Directives and instructions on how to complete them.

August 22<sup>nd</sup> was our picnic lunch – hot dogs, rolls, baked beans, salad, ice cream and desserts. At this meeting we collected our dues for

the coming year. This year we collected money for the State Conference, to be held in Carroll County on November 1 - 2 and also for a bus trip to the Dutch Apple Theater October 1<sup>st</sup> to see "Anything Goe"!! This is the 1<sup>st</sup> time we have had a bus trip on a Saturday!!

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### **FREDERICK COUNTY**

#### Fall Activities Report

Frederick County FCE Homemakers Clubs will hold their Fall Annual Meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> at the 4-H Center on Basford Road. The first part of the meeting will be a Board of Directors meeting, followed by an interesting program entitled "Frederick County's Gravel Roads and the Rural Roads Program" by Susan Hanson. Attendees will be able to purchase donated items from the "Friendship Table" before and after the business meeting and program. Proceeds from the table will be used to support our future educational activities. A potluck meal will follow.

Most clubs have signed up to demonstrate various crafts at the Great Frederick Fair the week of September 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be a children's book give-away on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. A planning committee is in the process of determining the presentations for the Spring and Fall county meetings and the monthly lessons for next year.

Plans are already in the works for our Holiday Activity on December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Mt. Pleasant Ruritan Club. The theme is "The Reason for the Season".

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### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

Montgomery County presented four booths at the Montgomery County Fair featuring "FCE Blanket Making", "Using Your Noodle" (how to use your swimming noodle for other things), "Pedestrian Safety", and "Three Common Recycling Mistakes". We distributed information about FCE, FCE programs, troop support and blanket making.

One member attended the National FCE Meeting in Memphis Tennessee. The meeting kicked off with introduction of the national board and the state presidents. Some of the topics of discussion were human trafficking, obesity, flag etiquette, grandparents raising grandchildren, Power Point® instruction, and Motivating Members.

In August, two members attended the ACWW meeting at the University of Warwick, Coventry England. This is the International part of our organization.

We are also getting ready for the Harvest Festival held at the Agricultural History Farm Park on October 1<sup>st</sup>. We sell handmade items, crafts and baked goods to raise money for scholarships.

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### **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**

Prince George's County has had a slow start to this year. Health issues for some and many being busy with activities outside of FCE have reduced the number of members to get projects done. We forge onwards, anyway, and anyhow! Our president, Sue Van Slyke has been the most traveled of our group, going to the National Conference in Memphis, a western history conference in Oklahoma City, and attending the ACWW Conference in Coventry, England. Her reports will be in this and future issues of LWH.

With Frederick County hosting this year's State Conference, there is less work preparing for it by PGCAFCE. There will be theme baskets for auctioning from each county. Our theme will be "Movie Theater", with snacks and movie-related items. Marie Moeller is chairing a fund raising effort, making ACWW t-shirts that have the new "Women Walk the World" emblem on them. They will be sold at the conference. Our first workshop did not have successful results, so we must try again to make them.

We hosted the State Board to a meeting and luncheon. A power failure and no air conditioning definitely told us summer and its dog days are here and well entrenched! There will be more to report on our activities with the upcoming Fall meetings.

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## **National FCE Conference Celebrate! 80 Years of FCE!!! Memphis Hilton Hotel**

President's Day began early on Thursday, July 14. At 7:30 the state presidents, delegates, and national board members met for breakfast and a brief meeting, after which we boarded a bus for downtown Memphis. After touring the downtown area and seeing the Lorraine Hotel, the site of Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination, which now houses the National Civil Rights Museum, we visited the very interesting "Rock and Soul" Museum. Then we had time for lunch and shopping on historic Beale Street. Several of us had lunch at a restaurant with the improbable name of "Rum Boogie Cafe". Most of us took advantage of the lunch specials and I had a platter of fried catfish, fried okra, and fried green tomatoes – real Southern cooking! We then returned to the hotel for a very brief rest before practicing for the opening ceremonies.

After dinner, we participated in the formal opening of the conference. For the state presidents and delegates, this consisted of lining up against a wall and, as your name and state was called, mounting the stage and standing for a moment beside a screen on which your state flag was shown, then walking across the stage and down the steps on the other side. Following various welcomes, greetings, updates and announcements, we adjourned to a reception to meet the National Board, candidates for 2017 elections and to assemble gift bags to go to a women's shelter.

The next morning was devoted to a business meeting. One amendment to the bylaws was proposed and passed unanimously:

Amendment to Article V Officers, Elections and Duties, Section 2 which did read: Section 2: Qualifications D. A candidate shall have completed any term of office in the state affiliate or FCE by January 1 of the year following election at National FCE Conference.

It was proposed that this be changed to read: A candidate (except State President) may hold a state office while serving on the National FCE Board. A State President must have completed their term of office in the state affiliate by January 1 of the year following election at National FCE Conference.

Rationale: because of declining membership it is difficult to find nominees and committee members to conform to what the bylaws require.

In the afternoon, the FCL Workshops were held. These were: Public Policy, Stars and Stripes Forever, Flag codes/History by Jeanne Purich and Wanda Bridelle; Group Process, Great Groups, Terrific Teams; Teaching Techniques, Power Point® Basics- Developing a Great Visual Presentation.

In the evening the Awards Dinner was held which included "FCL at work- Participant Presentations". These presentations usually include some humor. In one, the "Young and the Restless Club" had a project to teach Power Point® to 80 year olds at an assisted living facility.

On Saturday, general sessions were held which included the following interesting programs: Boredsmanship or Boardsmanship? about serving on a Board; What is ACWW and Where do I fit in?; and Human Trafficking and Farm Labor.

In the afternoon, 3 new Hearth Fires were introduced: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren; Someone's Asking...How to Manage My Obesity; and Someone's Asking...About Human Trafficking by Jeanne Purich and Connie Larrington.

After the FCL Benefit dinner, Willy Beardon gave an interesting photo lecture on Memphis and the Mississippi Delta.

At Sunday morning inspiration, Memorials were read by past State Presidents and the National Board. Then Lee Hufford entertained us for the rest of the morning, first with Gospel songs, and, after a break, with "Oldies but Goodies". Then it was time for us to get up and dance with "A Little Bit of Line Dancing." The future stars ended the morning with a visit from Elvis!

Lunch was followed by more awards, then installation and closing. The following figures were reported: the silent auction netted \$915; Dollars for Leadership \$ 170; Pennies for Friendship (ACWW) \$70; Sales of FCE materials \$1,589.15; Legacy Fund collected at meeting \$1,744 (previous total in Legacy Fund \$28,666); 128 bandanas were collected for victims of trafficking and 98 gift bags plus many gift cards were collected to go to a women's shelter.

On Monday, the conference was officially over, but 29 of us stayed for a tour of Memphis. The sites we saw included Victorian Village (gracious homes built in the 1800s), the I-40

Welcome Center which has huge statues of B.B, King and Elvis Presley, a stop at the Peabody Hotel to see the famous march of the ducks and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital where we saw the pavilion in which Danny Thomas is entombed. We had lunch at B.B. King's Restaurant on Beale Street which was included in the tour and we were given a choice of 4 or 5 items. I chose – you'll never guess – fried catfish, what else? It was just as good as at Rum Boogie and I ate every bite!

After lunch, it was off to Graceland for an interactive iPad tour of the house and grounds of Elvis's fabulous residence.

As we left Graceland, it was time to return to the hotel and pack up for the flight home.

Next year's conference will be in Omaha, Nebraska and I hope to see many of you there for fun and education!

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## Bulletin Board

From PG County:

Alice Irwin is not doing well; Genie Van Pelt is recuperating from a fall; Arnie (Debra Rausch's husband) was 64 on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, something which seemed in doubt back in December when he had a stroke; Barbara Marsh is looking to move into an apartment after many years living in her home.

### WORD FACTS

No word in the English language rhymes with **month, orange, silver, or purple.**

**Dreamt'** is the only English word that ends in the letters **'mt'**.

There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: **abstemious** and **facetious.**

There are only four words in the English language which end in 'dous': **tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.**



**2017 Membership Form**  
**\*\*\*Type or Print Clearly in ink\*\*\***  
 o Not Abbreviate City, County, Street or State Names\*\*\*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Current Member ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code+4 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone No \_\_\_\_\_ County of Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club County \_\_\_\_\_

Family Membership: (Please list) Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dependent Child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Dues</b>	<b>Individual (19 – 79)</b>	<b>Family</b>	<b>Senior (80+ years)</b>	<b>Youth 18 and under</b>
National	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00	\$16.50	\$ 5.00
State	3.50	7.00	3.50	0
Council/County/Parish				
Club				
<b>Total</b>				

Sign and send with total membership dues to Club Treasurer by September 30, 2016.

New Member (Never belonged to FCE before)

Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Must be original signature, copies will not be accepted

Mission...To strengthen individuals, families, and communities  
 through continuing education, developing leadership, and community action.

## Directions to Annual Conference

### **Best Western Hotel**

**451 WMC Drive, Westminster, MD, 21158**

**Phone: 410-857-1900**

**November 1 and 2, 2016**

### **From East and South:**

Take 32 west to Route 140 east, the BEST WESTERN Westminster Catering and Conference Center will be on your right-hand side.

### **From the North or West:**

Take 97 south to Route 140 West and the BEST WESTERN Westminster Catering and Conference Center will be on your left-hand side just past Route 31.



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